

## **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of the Claims will replace all prior listings and versions of the Claims in the application.

- 1     1     (currently amended) An article for smoking an elongate tobacco product  
2     ~~comprising~~consisting essentially of:
- 3     a)     a mouthpiece having an inside surface and an outside surface,  
4     ~~comprising~~consisting of a first end defining a receptacle therein and  
5     a second end ~~comprising~~having an outside surface capable of  
6     being grasped in a smoker's mouth and defining an outlet chamber  
7     within the mouthpiece, wherein said mouthpiece consists of a  
8     single piece of molded plastic ;
- 9     b)     a holder, the holder being directly inserted into the receptacle in the  
10     mouthpiece, the holder ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:
- 11     i)     a first section disposed at an end of the holder defining an  
12     inside chamber capable of holding the elongate tobacco  
13     product in place and allowing a volume for collection of  
14     combustion products therein, the first section having an  
15     outside surface with a diameter too large to fit into the  
16     receptacle in the mouth piece,
- 17     ii)     a second section in series with the first section and having  
18     an inside and an outside surface, the second section  
19     contoured to fit into the receptacle in the mouthpiece and  
20     defining a continuation of the inside chamber,
- 21     iii)     a first annular support and a second annular support on the  
22     outside surface of the second section, each annular support  
23     being capable of holding a resilient ring thereon, and
- 24     iv)     an annular baffle on the outside surface of the second  
25     section between the first annular support and the second  
26     annular support;
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28 c) two resilient rings, one resilient ring supported on each annular  
 29 support, wherein the mouthpiece and the holder are contoured  
 30 such that when the holder is inserted into the mouthpiece the two  
 31 resilient rings are in snug contact with the inner surface of the  
 32 mouthpiece forming a sealed chamber between them in the annular  
 33 space between the outside surface of the second section and the  
 34 inside surface of the mouthpiece, and wherein the holder defines at  
 35 ~~least one~~ two restricted passages from the inside chamber to the  
 36 sealed chamber, said ~~at least one~~ two restricted passages being  
 37 directed towards the inside surface of the mouthpiece between the  
 38 two annular supports, and wherein the holder further defines an exit  
 39 passage having ~~two at least one inlets~~  
 40 second annular support and an exit into the outlet chamber of the  
 41 mouthpiece;  
 42 d) wherein the holder consists of a single piece of molded plastic[.];  
 43 and  
 44 e) wherein said holder consists further of a barrier in series with the  
 45 inside chamber such that combustion products can only pass  
 46 between the inside chamber and the outlet chamber through a path  
 47 through the two restricted passages, the sealed chamber and the  
 48 exit passage in sequence.  
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1 2 (cancelled)

1 3 (original) The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a  
 2 cigarette of the type without an integral filter.

1 4 (original)The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a  
 2 cigarette with an integral filter.

- 1 5 (original)The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a  
2 cigar.
- 1 6 (previously presented)The article of claim 1 wherein the resilient rings are  
2 o-rings.
- 1 7 (original) The article of claim 6 wherein the mouthpiece comprises  
2 polystyrene, the holder comprises Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene, and the  
3 resilient rings are rubber o-rings.
- 1 8 (previously presented) The article of claim 6 wherein the holder has  
2 symmetry about a central plane, wherein any cross section perpendicular  
3 to the central plane is circular.
- 1 9 (original) The article of claim 8 wherein the at least one restricted passage  
2 is perpendicular to the central plane of symmetry whereby combustion  
3 products are made to change direction by approximately 90 degrees in  
4 passing between the second inside chamber and the sealed chamber.
- 1 10 (cancelled)
- 1 11 (original) The article of claim 8 wherein the exit passage causes a change  
2 in direction, whereby combustion products are made to change direction  
3 by approximately 90 degrees in passing between the sealed chamber and  
4 the outlet chamber.
- 1 12 (Cancelled)
- 1 13 (Cancelled).
- 14- 18 (Cancelled)